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1. THIS PROVIDES GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY CEA ON MATTER OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DOCUMENTATION DURING DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS FEBRUARY 27, REPORTED REFTEL, BETWEEN CEA REPRESENTATIVES AND SCICOUN SALMON AND GIAMBUSO, ERDA DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

2. CEA REPRESENTATIVES, REFERRING TO AN AEC AGREEMENT ORIGINALLY MADE IN 1969 AND EXTENDED UNTIL OCTOBER 1976, EXPRESSED CONCERN AS TO WHETHER ERDA WAS HONORING TERMS OF THAT AGREEMENT. IN RECENT MONTHS, CEA HAD BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM AGREEMENT, THAT U.S. HAD NEW SYSTEM, AND THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW SYSTEM WAS NOT COVERED BY AGREEMENT. FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES

OF INFORMATION, CEA HAD BEEN TOLD THEY WOULD HAVE TO BUY FROM COMMERCIAL FIRMS. CEA ALSO ASKED WHAT PLANS WERE TO BE MADE FOR EXTENDING EXISTING AGREEMENT BEYOND OCTOBER 1976.

3. AGREEMENT IN QUESTION PRESUMABLY IS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN AEC AND CEA FOR COOPERATION IN EXCHANGE OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION ORIGINALLY EXECUTED OCTOBER 30, 1969, FOR THREE YEARS AND LATER EXTENDED UNTIL OCTOBER 29, 1976. UNDER THIS MOU, THE FRENCH HAVE BEEN GIVING US COPIES OF FRENCH REPORTS, AS WELL AS COMPUTER TAPES OF FRENCH INPUT TO INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR INFORMATION SYSTEM (INIS). IN RETURN, THE FRENCH RECEIVE NUCLEAR SCIENCE ABSTRACTS (NSA) ON TAPE AND COPIES OF U.S. REPORTS.

4. FRENCH NOW APPEAR TO BE SEEKING ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN FORM OF CERTAIN NUCLEAR SAFETY INFORMATION CENTER (NSIC) COMPUTER TAPES. NOT ALL NSIC INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN OUR NSA OR IN OUR INPUT TO IAEA, NOR ARE THESE TAPES CONSIDERED TO BE WITHIN SUBJECT MOU NOR WITHIN MOUS BETWEEN FRENCH AND NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC).

5. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, FRENCH HAVE NEVER REQUESTED SUCH NSIC INFORMATION UNDER TERMS OF SUBJECT MOU. ON CONTRARY, FRENCH HAVE ASKED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO SUBSCRIBE TO NSIC TAPES. FOR EXAMPLE, CHEF DU SERVICE DE DOCUMENTATION, CENTRE D'ETUDES NUCLEAIRES DE SACLAY, WROTE ORO ON APRIL 10, 1975, ASKING TO SUBSCRIBE TO NSIC TAPES AND PROGRAMS. IN RESPONSE, ORO IN LETTER OF JANUARY 22, 1976, STATED THAT IT WAS ERDA GENERAL POLICY NOT TO FURNISH MATERIAL (TAPES) AND/OR SERVICES WHEN THESE CAN BE OBTAINED ON REASONABLE BASIS FROM PRIVATE SOURCES, AND THAT THE REQUESTED TAPES AND PROGRAMS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY SOLD TO SOCIETE INTERNATIONALE DE TECHNOLOGIE (SIT). FYI: SIT IS AN AMERICAN COMPANY BASED IN PARIS. NOTE ALSO THAT THE FRENCH REQUEST WAS FOR TAPES AND PROGRAMS, AND NOT FOR INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN PRINTED FORM.

6. THE NEW SYSTEM MENTIONED BY CEA REPRESENTATIVES IS BELIEVED TO BE THE ENERGY INFORMATION DATA BASE (EIDB), WHOSE SCOPE NOW COVERS BOTH NUCLEAR AND NONNUCLEAR INFORMATION. EIDB WAS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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INTENDED TO BE COVERED IN SUBJECT MOU, WHICH IS PURELY NUCLEAR IN SCOPE. EIDB IS RELATIVELY NEW AND HAS BEEN DEVELOPED SINCE MOU WAS LAST EXTENDED.

7. RE PLANS FOR EXTENDING SUBJECT MOU BEYOND OCTOBER 1976, MOU IN CURRENT FORM WILL NOT BE NEEDED BY U.S. AFTER JULY 1, 1976, BECAUSE AFTER THAT DATE WE EXPECT TO GET FROM IAEA THE INFORMATION NOW OBTAINED FROM NUCLEAR MOUS. FURTHER, AFTER

JULY 1, 1976, WE SHALL NO LONGER BE PRODUCING MATERIAL NOW  
COVERED BY SUBJECT MOU EXCEPT FOR COVERAGE OF U.S. NUCLEAR  
DOCUMENTATION FOR IAEA, WHICH, OF COURSE, WOULD BE  
AVAILABLE TO FRENCH THROUGH IAEA. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD NOT  
BE INTERESTED IN EXTENSION OF PURELY NUCLEAR MOU,  
ALTHOUGH THERE MIGHT BE MUTUAL BENEFIT IN DEVELOPING MOU WITH  
FRENCH COVERING NONNUCLEAR INFORMATION.  
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